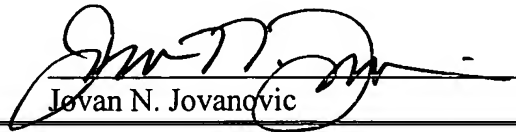




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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

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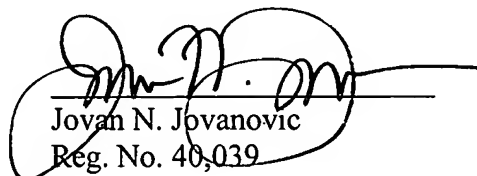
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